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### ORDER ADDITIONAL ARMY AND AIR FORCE UNITS TO EUROPE

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, with the approval of the President, today ordered the following actions to strengthen our combat forces in Europe:

1. The Third Armored Cavalry Regiment will be deployed to Europe at an early date. The Regiment is now stationed at Fort Meade, Maryland. It will be replaced at this station by the 150th Armored Cavalry Regiment of the West Virginia National Guard which has been ordered to active duty, reporting on October 15.
2. Eleven fighter squadrons, one tactical control group, and supporting elements of the Air National Guard will be deployed to Europe starting on November 1, 1961. These include three fighter interceptor squadrons, seven tactical fighter squadrons and one tactical reconnaissance squadron. Associated with this deployment will be the return to the United States of seven regular Air Force squadrons which are presently in Europe on temporary duty. These actions will result in a significant increase in the tactical fighter strength in Europe while at the same time will retain in the United States strike aircraft capable of deploying rapidly to any part of the world. (A specific listing of the Air National Guard units is attached.)
3. Certain heavy equipment and vehicles required by both armored and infantry divisions will be shipped to Europe and held in readiness there. This pre-positioning of several thousand tracked and wheeled vehicles and more than one hundred thousand tons of equipment will permit the movement of Army divisions to Europe in a matter of days should the need arise. A number of Army personnel will be moved to Europe to safeguard and maintain this equipment.

These actions, involving a total of ~~about~~ 10,000 personnel will start immediately.

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UNITS BEING DEPLOYED TO EUROPE  
AS OF NOVEMBER 1

Hq 122 Tactical Ftr Wing  
163 Tactical Ftr Sq  
122 A&E Maint Sq  
122 Consolidated Acft Maint. Sq.  
122 AB Group Hq  
122 Supply Sq  
122 Transportation Sq  
122 Air Police Sq  
122 Civ Engr Sq  
122 Opns Sq  
122 Tac Hospital  
163 Weather Flight

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Boer Field, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Hq 131 Tac Ftr Wg  
110 Tac Ftr Sq  
131 A&E Maint Sq  
131 Consolidated Acft Maint. Sq.

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Lambert - St. Louis MAP, Missouri

Hq 121 Tac Ftr Wg  
166 Tac Ftr Sq  
121 A&E Maint Sq  
121 Consolidated Acft Maint. Sq.  
121 AB Gp Hq  
121 Supply Sq  
121 Transportation Sq  
121 Air Police Sq  
121 Civ Engr Sq  
121 Opns Sq  
121 Tac Hospital  
164 Weather Flight

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Lockbourne AFB, Columbus, Ohio

Hq 108 Tac Ftr Wg  
141 Tac Ftr Sq  
108 A&E Maint Sq  
108 Consolidated Acft Maint. Sq.  
108 AB Gp Hq  
108 Supply Sq  
108 Transportation Sq  
108 Air Police Sq  
108 Civil Engr Sq  
108 Opns Sq  
108 Tac Hospital

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McGuire AFB, New Jersey

Hq 117 Tac Recon Wg  
106 Tac Recon Sq  
117 A&E Maint Sq  
117 Consolidated Acft Maint. Sq.  
117 AB Gp Hq  
117 Supply Sq  
117 Transportation Sq

Sumpter Smith ANG Base,  
Birmingham, Alabama

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117 Air Police Sq  
117 Civ Engr Sq  
117 Opns Sq  
117 Tac Hospital  
117 Recon Tech Sq

Sumpter Smith ANG Base,  
Birmingham, Alabama

Hq 102 Tac Ftr Wg  
101 Tac Ftr Sq  
102 A&E Maint Sq  
102 Consolidated Acft Maint. Sq.  
102 Air Police Sq  
102 Civ Engr Sq  
102 Supply Sq  
102 Tac Hospital

Boston, Massachusetts

131 Tac Ftr Sq  
102 AB Gp Hq  
102 Opns Sq  
102 Transportation Sq

Westfield, Massachusetts

138 Ftr Sq  
131 Weather Flight

Syracuse, New York  
Westfield, Massachusetts

152nd Tac Control Group

106 Tac Control Sq

102 ACW Sq

101 ACW Flt

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Roslyn, New York  
Roslyn, New York  
Howard, Rhode Island  
Worcester, Massachusetts  
Orange, Connecticut  
Syracuse, New York  
Blue Ash, Ohio  
State College, Pennsylvania

151 Ftr Interceptor Sq (Augmented)  
197 Ftr Interceptor Sq (Augmented)  
197 Ftr Interceptor Sq (Augmented)

Knoxville, Tennessee  
Eastover, South Carolina  
Phoenix, Arizona

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